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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-49 are pending in the current application.
2. This is a National Stage of PCT/US03/38706, filed December 5, 2003, which claims priority to 60/431406, filed December 6, 2002.

Election/Restrictions

3. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group I, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 13, 14, 17, 21-42, 49 drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzofuran and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group II, Claims 1-4, 13, 14, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzofuran and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine, respectively.

Group III, Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13, 14, 18, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzo[b]thiophene and pyridine, respectively.

Group IV, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 13, 14, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzothiophene and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group V, Claims 1-2, 7-8, 13, 14, 16, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzoimidazole and pyridine, respectively.

Group VI, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 11, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are 1,2-dihydroacenaphthylene and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group VII, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are phenyl or anthracene and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

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Group VIII, Claims 1-4, 9, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are phenyl or naphthalene and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine, respectively.

Group IX, Claims 1-2, 7-9, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are phenyl and pyridine, respectively.

Group X, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 10, 14, 16, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are quinoline and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group XI, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 13, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are indene and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group XII, Claims 1-4, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are indene and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine, respectively.

Group XIII, Claims 1-2, 5-6, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are 2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine and pyrido[2,3-e]1,4]diazepine, respectively.

Group XIV, Claims 1-2, 7-8, 12, 14, 15, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are thieno[2,3-b]thiophene and pyridine, respectively.

Group XV, Claims 1-2, 13, 16, 18-19, 21-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variables A and R² are benzoimidazole and 1,2-dihydrooxazolo[5,4-b]pyridine, respectively.

Group XVI, Claims 1-42, 49, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I that are not encompassed by groups I-XV.

Groups XVII-XXXII, claims 43-47, drawn to a method (treating a bacterial illness) using compounds of groups I-XVI.

Groups XXXIII-XLVIII, claims 43-47, drawn to a method (disinfecting an inanimate surface) using compounds of groups I-XVI.

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The inventions listed as Groups I-# do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

(f) "Markush practice" The situation involving the so-called Markush practice wherein a single claim defines alternatives (chemical or non-chemical) is also governed by PCT Rule 13.2. In this special situation, the requirement of a technical interrelationship and the same or corresponding special technical features as defined in PCT Rule 13.2, shall be considered to be met when the alternatives are of a similar nature.

(i) When the Markush grouping is for alternatives of chemical compounds, they shall be regarded as being of a similar nature where the following criteria are fulfilled:

(A) All alternatives have a common property or activity; and

(B) (1) A common structure is present, i.e., a significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives; or

(B) (2) In cases where the common structure cannot be the unifying criteria, all alternatives belong to a recognized class of chemical compounds in the art to which the invention pertains.

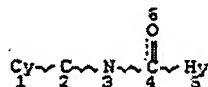
In paragraph (f)(i)(B)(1), above, the words "significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives" refer to cases where the compounds share a common chemical structure which occupies a large portion of their structures, or in case the compounds have in common only a small portion of their structures, the commonly shared structure constitutes a structurally distinctive portion in view of existing prior art, and the common structure is essential to the common property or activity. The different variables A, L, and R² result in so many permutations giving both heterocyclic and non-hetero rings as well as different linkers between the amide and R₂, resulting in compounds that have achieved a different

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status in the art, and thus are drawn to an improper Markush group on the grounds of lack of a common nucleus. Thus lack of unity is apparent.

Preliminary search of the different cores gave numerous iterations, see below:

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L6 STR



NODE ATTRIBUTES:
DEFAULT MLEVEL IS ATOM
DEFAULT ECLEVEL IS LIMITED
ECOUNT IS E1 N AT 5

GRAPH ATTRIBUTES:
RING(S) ARE ISOLATED OR EMBEDDED
NUMBER OF NODES IS 6

STEREO ATTRIBUTES: NONE
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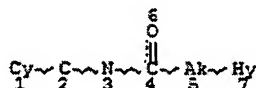
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The search above shows a core where variable L is a bond.

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L7 STR



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DEFAULT ECLEVEL IS LIMITED
ECOUNT IS M1 N AT 7

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NUMBER OF NODES IS 7

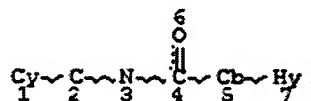
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The search above shows a core where variable L is an alkyl chain:

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L9 STR



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DEFAULT ECLEVEL IS LIMITED
ECOUNT IS M1 N AT 7

GRAPH ATTRIBUTES:
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NUMBER OF NODES IS 7

STEREO ATTRIBUTES: NONE
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The search above shows a core where variable L is a carbocyclic group.

Thus it is clear that applicant's compound core is not applicant's contribution over the prior art and the commonly shared structure does not constitute a structurally distinctive portion in view of the existing prior art. Thus there is a lack of unity.

A prior art reference anticipating the claims with respect to one group would not render obvious the same claims with respect to another group. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103 (a) of the other invention.

4. Inventions I-XVI and XVII-XLVIII are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case the compounds can be used as CCR3 ligand modulators.

5. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. Inventions XVII-XXXII and XXXIII-XLVIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions are used for different purposes. Groups XVII-XXXII are used for treating bacterial illnesses and groups XXXIII-XLVIII are used for disinfecting surfaces. These methods require different search scopes.

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7. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

8. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include the invention to be examined. Applicant is advised that in addition to the election requirement a reply must include an identification all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected invention. The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

10. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic

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claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

11. The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.** Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Conclusions

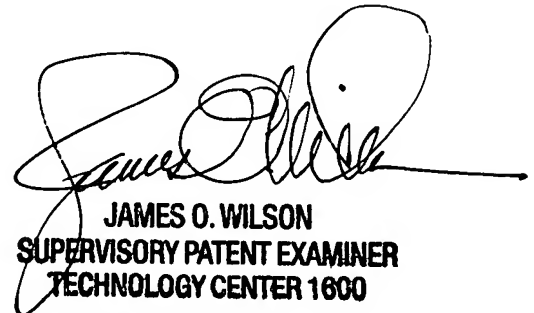
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Noble Jarrell whose telephone number is 571 (272) 9077. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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